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In re Application Of: Brian L. Launder) PATENT APPLICATION
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For: EXCAVATING TOOTH ASSEMBLY)

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

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Sir:

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Responding to a May 21, 1999 Final Office Action, kindly amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 26, line 4, change "exemplification" to --exemplification--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claim 1 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) An excavating tooth assembly comprising:
an adapter having an outer tapered surface configured with a substantially horizontal rearward land section and a substantially horizontal forward land section, said rearward and forward land sections each having a substantially similar and generally semicircular shape, each semicircular shape including a vertical wall configured to facilitate transmission of lateral forces